


## It's Drinking Water Week in Goodyear

Water is essential to all of us. Our health, comfort and standard of living depend upon an abundant supply of safe drinking water. May 7-13, 2006 is Drinking Water Week in Goodyear. The purpose of celebrating Drinking Water Week is to remind each citizen to help protect our water sources from pollution, practice water conservation and to get involved in water issues.

For more than 30 years, the AWWA (American Water Works Association) has celebrated Drinking Water Week with cities across America – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the consumers they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives. Visit the American Water Works Association website at [www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org) for information about National Drinking Water Week and the importance of this precious resource.

The City of Goodyear's Water Resources Department is responsible for water production, water distribution and ensuring safe and pleasant water quality. The Water Resources Department oversees water quality compliance throughout the City and is responsible for backflow prevention device testing for all City commercial customers. Visit [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) to learn more.



We can all do our part to ensure that we have a supply of water, especially important during this drought season:

- ♦ Water the lawn early in the morning or at night to avoid evaporation.
- ♦ Do not over water lawns and gardens.
- ♦ Fully load washing machines and dish washers before running.
- ♦ Do not leave water running when brushing your teeth or washing dishes by hand.
- ♦ Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste 2,000 gallons of water per year.
- ♦ Cover your swimming pool.
- ♦ Do not pour toxic chemicals down the drain.

An annual Consumer Confidence Report of the City's water quality testing results is created and distributed by the City's Water Quality Division. This publication will be mailed to every customer in the City's water service area in June. This report answers frequently asked questions about the water that comes into your home including testing, quality standards compliance and health issues.

## Safety Troupe Educates and Entertains West Valley Children

Every year the Goodyear and Avondale Fire departments join forces to educate elementary school children about safety. The G.A.F. Safety Troupe is a cast of fire personnel who perform with clowns and puppets for children in Goodyear, Avondale and Litchfield Park in schools. The children are entertained with colorful sets, props and characters while learning about bike safety, pool safety, seat belts, gun safety, dialing 911 for an emergency, smoke alarms and other safety topics. A new play is enacted each year to emphasize current safety issues and to captivate the children with fresh material.

The troupe has been very successful in teaching the children and having a lot of fun at the same time. "There hasn't been a pool drowning in Goodyear in the 14 years that we have been performing," says Goodyear Fire Department Community Education Specialist Robert Marshall, "We greatly attribute this to the influence of our program."

The members of the G.A.F. Safety Troupe are: Tanja Tomson, Robert Marshall, Adam Becker, Justin Swenson, Sheyna Burton and Liam Engelhardt of the Goodyear Fire Department and Valerie Russell and Leo Gardunio of the Avondale Fire Department.





## Teamwork Took Us to the Top on I-10

**Mayor Jim Cavanaugh**

It's been a long haul, but we made it! It feels like we've been climbing an incredibly high mountain that presented us with new challenges and pitfalls every day. But the summit has been reached! And it took teamwork to get there. We created a coalition of four cities. We set an example for the rest of the Valley to follow, and we made the State begin to take a serious look at what it can do to help alleviate the terrible congestion that is clogging all of its major Phoenix gateways.

Thanks to April 26th's unanimous vote of The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council, our eight-mile stretch of I-10 will be widened four years ahead of schedule with design beginning this year and construction in 2007. From Loop 101 to Sarival, we will have four lanes and one HOV lane in each direction by the end of 2009!

The great news is that the interest costs are down to about \$13 million for all participating cities versus the \$66 million we were expecting just a couple of months ago or the \$90 million we were told when we started the project.



A momentous moment as mayors of four Southwest Valley cities sign a resolution to widen I-10. From left to right: Marie Lopez-Rogers, Mayor of Avondale; Dusty Hull, Mayor of Buckeye; Jim Cavanaugh, Mayor of Goodyear; and Woody Thomas, Mayor of Litchfield Park. Goodyear Councilmembers are shown in the background.

We still have to complete the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) between Goodyear, Avondale and Litchfield Park to determine what percent of the \$13 million in interest each of us will pay out of our General Funds.

I'd like to set the record straight on the fact that Buckeye has not been "left behind." MAG will only approve its 20-year plan in five-year increments. Because the miles between Citrus and SR 85 were not in the original 2011-14 plan, they were never intended to be accelerated into the 2007-2011 MAG plan. They were originally scheduled for start of construction in 2023. However, due to the work we have done so far, construction on the remaining 10-mile stretch (two miles in Goodyear and eight miles in Buckeye) will be moved up 10 years to 2013.

I'd like to personally thank Goodyear's staff and our Goodyear City Council for its continuous support of this project. My thanks and admiration also goes to the councils and city managers of Avondale, Buckeye and Litchfield Park. The cooperation of these public officials has been immeasurable and I am proud that we were able to accomplish such unprecedented action.

*Jim*



During the past two years a team of internal City staff has worked to hasten the freeway widening. Front row: Jerene Watson, Community Services Director and Kelly Dalton, Management Assistant to Mayor and Council. Back row: Mario Saldamando, Management Assistant to City Manager; Cato Esquivel, Public Works Director; Paula Ilardo, Communications Manager; Stephen Cleveland, City Manager; and Jim Cavanaugh, Mayor.



### Goodyear City Council

Brenda Holland, Fred Scott, Vice Mayor Frank Cavalier,  
Mayor Jim Cavanaugh, Dick Sousa, Rob Antoniak  
and Georgia Lord

## Council Calendar

Monday, May 1, 2006  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2006  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2006  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Monday, May 15, 2006  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 22, 2006  
Regular Meeting - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 2006  
Work Session - 5 p.m.

All Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Goodyear Justice Facility, 986 S. Litchfield Rd., unless indicated otherwise.

## Prevent West Nile Virus

The West Nile Virus lives in mosquitoes and birds. However, humans can sometimes be infected with the virus if they are bitten by a mosquito that is carrying the virus. This poses a significant health threat that should be taken seriously.



Approximately 80% of people who become infected with the virus will either have no symptoms or very mild illness. About 20% percent will develop flu-like symptoms such as headache, fever, aches, swollen glands and weakness. These symptoms can persist for weeks.

Some people, especially the elderly, may experience more severe symptoms, including high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness, and encephalitis or inflammation of the brain. If you have symptoms that you think might be from the West Nile Virus, you should get plenty of rest, drink fluids, and avoid alcohol. Severe symptoms should be treated immediately.

Check for conditions outside the home that may provide potential for mosquito breeding, such as standing water, poorly maintained swimming pools, cans, buckets and tires. Change water in vases, birdbaths, and animal watering pans at least twice a week. Use effective repellents such as those containing DEET or picaridin. Wearing long sleeved clothing when outdoors at night will also help prevent mosquito bites.

## Help is Here for Crime Victims

If you have been the victim of a crime or want to avoid becoming a victim, the City of Goodyear Crisis Services Unit can help. Brochures are available in the City Hall lobby with information about domestic violence, coping with traumatic events, surviving a robbery, surviving sexual assault, helping a child crime victim become a survivor, and information about the Crisis Services Unit.



For more information, call the City of Goodyear Crisis Services Coordinator Terri Woodmansee at 623-693-0095.

## Adult Softball Leagues

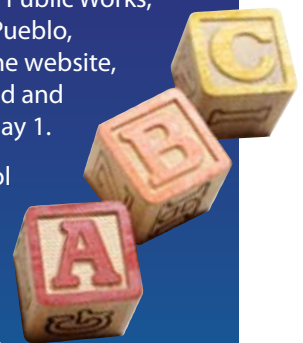
Adult Softball Summer Season begins June 4. Late registration runs until Fri., May 19 at Goodyear Public Works, Recreation Division, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo. Leagues are open until filled. For more information, call 623-882-7536.



## Special Interest Classes

Registration for Special Interest Summer classes runs through May 31 with classes starting the week of June 5. Registration is at Goodyear Public Works, Recreation Division, 200 S. Calle Del Pueblo, or a form can be downloaded from the website, [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov). Space is limited and classes may be filled any time after May 1.

Classes include ABC & 123, Pre-School Drawing, Elementary Cartooning, Cheerleading, Album Making, Ballet, Hip Hop Dancing, Dog Obedience, Gymnastics, Jewelry Making, Karate, Music for Tots, Baby Signs and Tennis. For more information, call 623-882-7532.

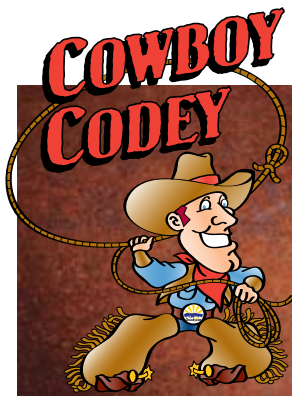


## The Pool is Open

The Goodyear Pool, at 430 E. Loma Linda Blvd., is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m. through May 21. Beginning May 27, the pool will be open Monday through Friday 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. On weekends and on Memorial Day, May 29, the pool will be open noon to 8 p.m. For more information about classes, teams and rentals, see the Aquatics & Recreation brochure that you received in the mail in April, or call 623-882-7532.







## Cowboy Codey Sez...

### "Be a Good Neighbor!"

The City of Goodyear needs the help of each citizen to maintain our community with pride. So, please obey the city codes and "Be a Good Neighbor." Here's what you can do to help maintain a neat and clean appearance in your neighborhood:

- Keep your garbage in cans with lids. Please bag and tie your garbage.
- Store your garbage cans out of view of the street.
- Keep your grass mowed and weeds pulled.
- Keep your pools clean (complaints for green pools should be sent to Maricopa County Environmental Services at 602-506-0700).

## Holiday Collection Schedule

### Memorial Day Monday, May 29

- Contained collection shifts from Monday and Tuesday to Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Uncontained collections shifts to next day service with Friday collections being provided on Saturday.

Don't forget to bag and tie your trash. This is especially important with food waste, animal waste and grass. Securely bagging trash helps maintain a clean and healthy environment and prevents the breeding of flies.



## Night at the Movies



### Grease

Friday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Special prizes for best '50s attire.

### SpongeBob

Squarepants, the Movie

Friday, June 9, 8 p.m.

These free movies are shown at Goodyear Community Park, 3151 N. Litchfield Rd. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. You may bring food and beverages (no glass, please) or buy from our vendor. For more information, call 623-882-7534.

## Job Opportunities

Visit the City of Goodyear website at [www.goodyearaz.gov](http://www.goodyearaz.gov) or call the City's 24-hour hotline, 623-932-1716, for job listings.

Goodyear accepts applications only for open positions.

The Human Resources Office is located at Goodyear City Hall  
190 North Litchfield Road.

Phone: 623-882-7752.

TTY: 623-932-6500. EEO/M/F/V/H/D.

## TAKE A HIKE WITH THE MAYOR SATURDAY, MAY 20



Join Mayor Cavanaugh on another "Hike with the Mayor." The hike takes place at the Pinnacle Peak Trail in Scottsdale.

The 3.5-mile trail is rated moderate to difficult, so please sign up only if you are up to the challenge. The cost of the hike is \$5, which includes a hike t-shirt (for first-time participants), transportation, water and snacks. All hikers will meet at Goodyear City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd. at 7 a.m. and will return by noon.

Space is limited, so those wishing to sign up should call Mark Kimball at 623-882-7534.



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